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IN THE CLAIMS:

1 - 46. (Cancelled)

47. (Currently Amended)

A game station comprising:

a base unit having a first side and an opposing second side, and a first end and a second end, said base unit defining at said first side a first player station for use by a first single player generally facing said first side of said base unit;

said base unit including a base portion and a console extending upwardly from said base portion, said base portion and console positioned between said first end and said second ends of said base unit, said console including a first face corresponding to said first side of said base unit;

a first and a second electronically controlled video display at said first face of said console, said first and second electronically controlled video displays positioned sufficiently proximate to one another to be viewed at the same time by said first player of said first station;

at least one wager accepting device at said game station adapted to accept a wager placed by said first player of said player station to play either or both at least a first wagering game and a second wagering game;

a first electronic game controller adapted to present first wagering game information corresponding to said a first wagering game on said first display in response to a first wager placed by said first player and a second electronic game controller adapted to present second wagering game information corresponding to said a second wagering game on said second video display in

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response to a second wager placed by said first player, said first and second gaming controllers configured to independently generate said first and second wagering game information such that said first and said wagering games and their outcomes are independent, whereby said first player may concurrently play said first and second wagering games by concurrently viewing said first and second wagering game information presented on said first video display and said second video display; and

at least one player input device permitting said first player to provide input to said game station affecting the first and second gaming information presented to said first player by said first and second display.

48. (Previously Presented)

The game station in accordance with Claim 47 wherein said base unit defines at said second side a second player station for use by a second single player generally facing said second side of said base unit, said console having a second face corresponding to said second side of said console, and including a third and a fourth electronically controlled video display at said console, said third and fourth electronically controlled video displays positioned sufficiently proximate to one another to be viewed at the same time by said second player of said second station;

a third game controller adapted to present third wagering game information corresponding to a third wagering game on said third display in response to a third wager placed by said second player and a fourth game controller adapted to present fourth wagering game information corresponding to a fourth wagering game on said fourth video display in response to a fourth wager

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placed by said second player, said third and fourth gaming controllers configured to independently generate said third and fourth wagering game information such that said third and fourth wagering games and their outcomes are independent, whereby said second player may concurrently play said third and fourth wagering game by viewing said third and fourth wagering game information presented on said third video display and said fourth video display; and

at least one second wager accepting device at said game station adapted to accept a wager placed by said second player of said second player station.

49. (Canceled)

50. (Previously Presented)

The game station in accordance with Claim 47 wherein base portion is generally upwardly extending and defines a first vertical surface and said first gaming controller is mounted to said first vertical surface.

51. (Previously Presented)

The game station in accordance with Claim 47 wherein a housing is located between said console and said second end, said at least one first wager accepting device mounted in said housing and said at least one second wager accepting device mounted in said housing.

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52. (Previously Presented)

The game status in accordance with Claim 47 including a first keypad mounted to said first face of said console between said first and second displays.

53. (Previously Presented Amended)

A game station comprising:

a base unit having a first side and an opposing second side, and a first end and a second end, said base unit defining at said first side a first player station for use by a first single player generally facing said first side of said base unit;

said base unit including a base portion and a console extending upwardly from said base portion, said base portion and console positioned between said first end and said second ends of said base unit, said console including a first face corresponding to said first side of said base unit;

a first and a second electronically controlled video display at said first face of said console, said first and second electronically controlled video displays positioned sufficiently proximate to one another to be viewed at the same time by said first player of said first station;

a value accepting device at said game station adapted to accept value placed by said first player of said first play station;

an allocation input permitting said first player to allocate value as one or more first wagers for playing a first wagering game and one or more second wagers for playing a second wagering game;

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a first game controller adapted to present information regarding a first wagering game on said first display in response to a first wager, a second game controller adapted to present information regarding a second wagering game on said second display in response to a second wager, said first and second gaming controllers configured to independently generate said first and second wagering game information such that said first and said second wagering games and their outcomes are independent, and a first video selector adapted to provide non-gaming video data from a video feed to either said first display or said second video display, whereby said first player may concurrently view first and second game information on said first and second displays while at the same time watching said video presented on one of the same displays presenting said first and second game information.

54. (Previously Presented)

The game station in accordance with Claim 53 wherein said base unit defines at said second side a second player station for use by a second single player generally facing said second side of said base unit, said console having a second face corresponding to said second side of said console, and including a third and a fourth electronically controlled video display at said console, said third and fourth electronically controlled video displays positioned sufficiently proximate to one another to be viewed at the same time by said second player of said second station;

a third game controller adapted to present information regarding a second wagering game on said third display in response to a third wager, a fourth game controller adapted to present information regarding a fourth wagering game on said fourth display in response to a fourth wager,

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said third and fourth gaming controllers configured to independently generate said third and fourth wagering game information such that said third and fourth wagering games and their outcomes are independent, and a second video selector adapted to provide non-gaming video data from a video feed to said fourth video display, whereby said second player may concurrently play a first and second wagering game presented using said first and second video displays and at the same watch said video on one of the same displays; and

at least one second wager accepting device at said game station adapted to accept a wager placed by said second player of said second player station for playing said second wagering game.

55. (Previously Presented)

The game station in accordance with Claim 53 wherein said video feed comprises television programming.

56. (Previously Presented)

The game station in accordance with Claim 53 including at least one control for use by said first player of said first player station in controlling said video selector to present video information on said second display.

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57. (Currently Amended)

A game station comprising:

a base unit having a first side and an opposing second side, and a first end and a second end, said base unit defining at said first side a first player station for use by a first player generally facing said first side of said base unit and defining at said opposing second side a second player station for use by a second player generally facing said second side of said base unit;

a first seat positioned adjacent said first side of said base unit and a second ~~seat~~ seat positioned adjacent said second side of said base unit;

said base unit including a base portion and a console extending upwardly from said base portion, said base portion and console positioned between said first end and said second ends of said base unit, said console including a first face corresponding to said first side of said base unit and a second face corresponding to said second side of said base unit, said console height restricted so that first and second players seated in said first and second seats can see over said game station; and

each of said first and second player stations comprising:

a first and a second electronically controlled video display associated with said console, said first and second electronically controlled video displays positioned sufficiently proximate to one another to be viewed at the same time by a player positioned at said corresponding side of side of said base unit;

at least one wager accepting device at said game station adapted to accept a wager placed by a player;

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a first game controller adapted to present first wagering game information corresponding to a first wagering game on said first display in response to a first wager placed by a player and a second game controller adapted to present second wagering game information corresponding to a second wagering game on said second video display in response to a second wager placed by said player, said first and second gaming controllers configured to independently generate said first and second wagering game information such that said first and said wagering games and their outcomes are independent, whereby said player may concurrently play said first and second wagering games by concurrently viewing said first and second wagering game information presented on said first video display and said second video display;

at least one player input device permitting said player to provide input to said game station affecting the first and second gaming information presented to said player by said first and second display; and

a play surface extending outwardly from said console above said base portion, said play surface configured to accept one or more game cards for use by said player in playing a third game independent of said first and second wagering games.

58. (Previously Presented)

The game station in accordance with Claim 57 wherein said first and second game controllers of each player station are located in said base unit below said console.

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59. (Previously Presented)

The game station in accordance with Claim 57 including a housing mounted between said console and one of said ends of said base unit, said at least one wager accepting device of each of said first and second player stations located in said housing, whereby said player stations are symmetrically configured about a vertical plane through said base unit.

60. (Previously Presented)

The game station in accordance with Claim 57 wherein said console extends upwardly no more than about 24 inches above a seat surface of said seat to permit a player to see over said console.